



Do you know which Kentucky trees are most valuable to wildlife? Oaks, cherries, dogwoods, beech, hickories and walnuts produce the most food eaten by wild animals. The oak tree featured in Nature Notes is literally crawling with critters. Can you find 18 seeds and animals? Use the word bank to label the boxes on the “What’s In a Tree?” drawing on front.

Acorns
Box Turtle
Carolina Chickadees
Chipmunk
Gray Fox
Gray Squirrel

Great Horned Owl
Indiana Bat
Mink
Opossum
Raccoon
Red-headed Woodpecker

Ruffed Grouse
Slimy Salamander
Tufted Titmouse
White-footed Mouse
White-tailed Deer
Wild Turkeys

Finish the Sentence Boxes relating to how trees provide habitat for wildlife. Add color to this cartoon. See the finished version with answers at <http://fw.ky.gov/habitat.asp>.

You can become a wildlife biologist at home. Invite a parent, sibling or friend to be your assistant. Visit www.KentuckyAWAKE.org to learn more about plants and animals of Kentucky.



Examine the trees around your house from top to bottom. Find evidence that wild animals use the trees as part of their habitat. Record your findings here or in a nature notebook.

Which part of habitat seems to be most plentiful around your house – food, water, shelter or space?

Which part of habitat seems to be least available for wildlife?

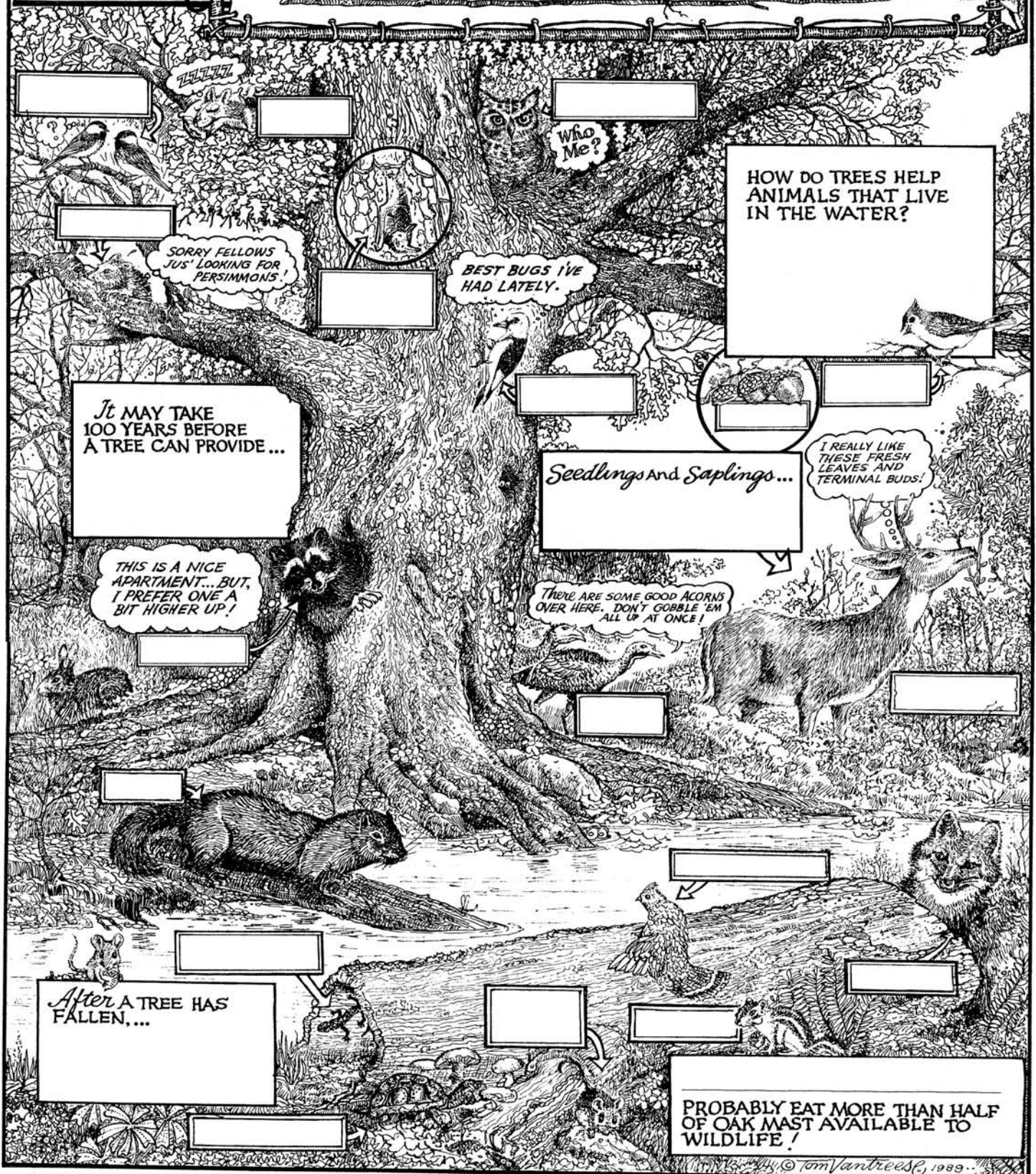
If you could plant one tree near your home, which kind would it be? Why?

Win a prize by sending in this page from your nature notebook. Be sure to include your name, mailing address, and age. Mail to: Laura Lang, KDFWR, #1 Game Farm Rd., Frankfort, KY 40601. Conservation education programs are provided free by the Kentucky Department of Fish & Wildlife Resources. Thank a hunter, angler or boater who paid for this public service as well as other wildlife conservation activities.

NATURE NOTES

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What's in a Tree?



HOW DO TREES HELP
ANIMALS THAT LIVE
IN THE WATER?

It MAY TAKE
100 YEARS BEFORE
A TREE CAN PROVIDE ...

THIS IS A NICE
APARTMENT... BUT,
I PREFER ONE A
BIT HIGHER UP!

Seedlings And Saplings...

I REALLY LIKE
THESE FRESH
LEAVES AND
TERMINAL BUDS!

THERE ARE SOME GOOD ACORNS
OVER HERE. DON'T GOBBLE 'EM
ALL UP AT ONCE!

After A TREE HAS
FALLEN,...

PROBABLY EAT MORE THAN HALF
OF OAK MAST AVAILABLE TO
WILDLIFE!